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The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
Docket No. 2005-385-E

Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1252 (Smart Metering) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
Docket No. 2005-386-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By Order No. 2013-238, dated April 10, 2013, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") requested that the parties in the above-referenced dockets report to the Commission on the status of their net metering and smart metering programs. Additionally, the Commission instructed the parties to inform the Commission on how best to implement the Commission's request for a status report.

In compliance with Order No. 2013-238, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (together "Duke Energy") and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") recommend that the best manner in which to report to the Commission on the status of its net metering and smart metering programs is for SCE&G and Duke Energy to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 (Supp. 2012). If the Commission accepts this recommendation, then SCE&G and Duke Energy will work together with Commission Staff and the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to find a convenient date and time for SCE&G and Duke Energy to jointly conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing to report on the status of their net metering and smart metering programs.

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By copy of this letter, we are informing ORS and the other parties of record in Docket Nos. 2005-385-E and 2005-386-E of SCE&G and Duke Energy's recommendation.

Thank you in advance for consideration of our recommendation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



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